Discovery Centre

Camping ◦ Accommodation ◦ Tours

Photo: Nigel Jackett

Broome Bird Observatory

Shorebird Capital of Australia

Discover

Clive Minton Discovery Centre

Learn all about the wonders of shorebirds!

Our interpretive centre encourages exploration of Roebuck Bay and its amazing birdlife. Experience immersive soundscapes, beautiful footage, up-to-date science and even your own migration challenge!

The Broome Bird Observatory (BBO) is located on Yawuru country, on the shores of Roebuck Bay / Nalinnalin, a Ramsar-listed wetland 25 km from Broome.

This is a unique meeting place of spectacular floodplain and coastal habitats. The area supports a great diversity of birdlife, including thousands of migratory shorebirds, many of which travel here from Siberia each year.

Admission fee includes access to the centre and gift shop, trail information, BBO bird list and access to the Shadehouse and birdbaths.

Price of tours, camping and accommodation is inclusive of Discovery Centre access.

Tours

From experienced twitchers to birding beginners, everyone is welcome on BBO tours and courses.

Tours run for 3 hours unless stated otherwise. Morning and full-day tours include morning tea. Prices and schedules can be found on our website.

Shorebird Tour

A chance to view the remarkable shorebirds that make Roebuck Bay and the BBO so famous. Our expert guides provide insights into the identification, ecology and migration feats of these incredible birds.

Mangrove Tour

Borrow our mud-boots and explore the mangrove ecosystem of Little Crab Creek. Look for mangrove specialist birds as well as shorebirds. You will see a variety of mangrove wildlife and witness Roebuck Bay's vast tides. This tour is best for those who are steady on their feet - the mud can get slippery!

Bush and Plains Tour

We drive through the bush and grassland of Roebuck Plains to look for open country birds including raptors and beautiful Yellow Chats. Conducted in the evenings, this tour finishes with a Kimberley sunset over the plains.

Lakes Tour (full day)

Discover the freshwater lakes of Roebuck Plains, and explore the varied habitats of this remote Kimberley cattle station. If you want the opportunity to see the greatest diversity of birds in the Broome region, then this is the tour for you. Bring your own lunch.

Photo: David Stewart

Education and Research

Photo: Pip Ellis

Courses

We host two 5-day courses, each held twice a year.

All courses include daily outings to bird hotspots, presentations, catering, accommodation, transport and use of spotting scopes.

Our courses cater to birders of all ages and stages. Our expert guides are happy to assist novices and experienced birders alike.

Birds of the Broome Region (Sep/Oct)

The greatest diversity of birds and habitats that the BBO has to offer, held as migrating waders return to our shores.

Wave the Waders Goodbye (Mar/Apr)

Learn to identify waders in their stunning breeding plumage, and witness the wonder of shorebird migration.

Research and Education

If you are interested in being involved in field research, using the BBO as a research base or would like to discuss educational programs for schools or university groups please contact:

(08) 9193 5600
broome@birdlife.org.au

Visit our website for kids' activities and educational resources.

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Stay with us

Camping

Peaceful, unpowered sites in our small bush campground.

Rooms

Air-con, simple, clean and affordable. Linen is provided.

Chalet

Self-contained cottage. Two bedrooms, sleeps up to four. Linen is provided.

All guests have access to the Shadehouse, which doubles as a bird-hide and kitchen. We have toilets, hot showers, gas stove and oven, and all water is safe to drink. There are **no caged birds** on site and **no pets allowed.**

Overnight guests also have unlimited access to the Clive Minton Discovery Centre. Our gift shop is located in the centre and as we are a **non-profit NGO** all money spent goes straight back to funding our education and research activities.

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Visit us

Join a tour, camp, or simply come out for the day, walk the trails and explore our discovery centre.

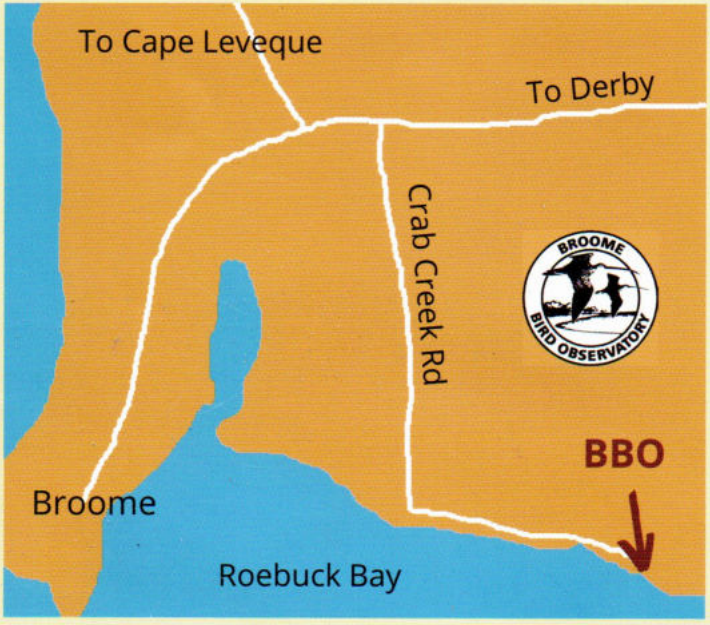
The best time to see bush birds is first thing in the morning or late afternoon. Viewing shorebirds is ideal 2 hours either side of high tide, but be careful not to disturb them.

Getting to us

The Broome Bird Observatory is a 25 km drive from Broome. We are located approximately 15 km along Crab Creek Road, which is unsealed and often corrugated.

Do not follow GPS or Google Maps directions.

Transfers are available for tour and accommodation guests. See our website for bookings.



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